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Charles M. Schwab Combats Mr. Carnegie's Steel Duty Arguments

CHANGES IN MANUFACTURE

Admits That Duty on Iron Ore Might Be Removed Without Damage

Washington, Dec. 15.—Disagreeing with the public views of Andrew Carnegie on the steel tariff, Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, testified before the House Ways and Means committee today. While he practically admitted that the conditions which existed nine years ago would have permitted a reduction in the steel schedule, he said that the cost of manufacture of steel rails had increased to such an extent that the present conditions must be changed to permit of tariff reduction. "In five years there will not be a Bessemer steel converting works left in the United States," said Mr. Schwab.

Mr. Schwab predicted that Bessemer steel would be of no use. The same is true of structural steel, as well as rails. "They will be all made by the 'open hearth' process of manufacture. Costly changes in the construction," he continued, "of the plant will be necessary to meet the improvements in the method of manufacture."

Mr. Schwab also declared that within ten years the open hearth process would be superseded by the electric system of manufacture, which was being developed in Germany.

"These changes in the process of manufacture improve the quality of the steel," he continued, "but they also increase the cost of production slightly." Mr. Schwab said he was not in favor of any change in the tariff on steel and steel products. "A moderate change will not make any material difference," he said, "but a radical change might do considerable harm." He admitted that the duty could be taken off iron ore without affecting the value of the Messaba ore of this country.

Mr. Schwab stated that the Bethlehem Steel Company, of which he is president, imports all of its iron ore from Cuba.

Frank W. Tausig, professor of political economy at Harvard university, argued that certain raw materials should be admitted free, naming coal, iron ore, lumber, hemp, flax, corn and barley. He said it would be a wise policy to reduce the duty on woollen clothing and sugar.

Robert Gilchrist, representing St. Louis and New York interests, urged that the present duty on ferro-manganese used in the manufacture of steel should be removed. He said that this article cannot be produced sufficiently in the United States to supply domestic needs.

New Material for Paper.

Washington, Dec. 15.—That a material has been discovered by which print papers can be produced in competition with wood pulp was the purpose of a qualified report that Dr. B. T. Galloway, of the bureau of plant inquiry of the department of agriculture, made to the house committee on agriculture today when he appeared before it to account for the disposition of the appropriation given to the department for experiments along this line.

Exhausting Coal Fields.

New York, Dec. 15.—That the entire supply of the Pennsylvania coal fields will be exhausted in 84 years, was a prediction today by Prof. Wm. Griffiths, a mining expert of Scranton, Pa., at the hearing of the government's suit against the anthracite coal carrying roads for alleged illegal combination in restraint of trade. Prof. Griffiths estimated the total available supply of anthracite for shipment in 1905 at 2,229,201,650 tons, and said at the present rate of consumption the supply would be used up in 1992.

Papke and Kelly Draw.
Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Hugo Kelly, of Chicago, and Billy Papke, of Keewanee, Ill., tonight fought 25 rounds to a draw.

Toronto Liberal Club

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A Liberal club, with suitable premises, and a membership of 500, is assured for Toronto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. G. P. Graham and Hon. C. Murphy are among the members.

West Peterboro Election

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Justice Britton today granted a stay of proceedings in the West Peterboro election case, pending a formal decision in the preliminary proceedings. He also extended the time for taking proceedings by either party.

Brazil and Argentine.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 15.—The relations existing between Brazil and the Argentine are distinctly strained as a result of jealousy at the alleged activities of each country in the matter of increasing its naval force. The incident of the official telegrams said to have been intercepted and published by an ex-cabinet minister of the Argentine adds to the ill-feeling, which shows no signs of decreasing.

Students Have Fierce Battle

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The students of the medical faculty and the school of science had a battle royal on the Toronto university grounds yesterday. A general melee followed the interference of the science men with the meds, while the latter were having their photographs taken. Sixty-nine windows were broken in the science building and twenty-three in the medical building, while many students came out of the fight with black eyes and torn clothing. President Falconer, who has been laid up with a cold, had to be summoned to put an end to the row.

LONGBOAT BEAT THE ITALIAN YESTERDAY

Dorando Collapsed When in Sight of Goal—Wild Excitement Prevails

New York, Dec. 15.—As on that memorable occasion of his first Olympiad Dorando Pietri collapsed within sight of the goal tonight and Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian runner, who had been led by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square tonight. The time was 35 2-5 seconds slower than Dorando's in his race with Hayes.

The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in wild excitement. At 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position, and the men were fighting it out in the 26th mile, with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weakening. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap while the crowd was crying itself hoarse, both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone, his time for the 26 miles 385 yards was 245.05 2-5.

The Marathon fever drew a gathering of over 11,000 people to the garden, and many men and women were still fighting for admittance by 9 o'clock, when the race was scheduled to begin between Dorando Pietri, of Capri, Italy, and Tom Longboat, of Toronto, Ont. The distance of the race was the same as when Dorando defeated John J. Hayes, the English Olympiad champion, on the same track, 26 miles 385 yards, which over the ten-lap track made 262 laps and 53 yards.

The race started at 9:11 o'clock. Longboat won the toss, and took the pole position. Dorando jumped into lead and led a steady pace with the Indian easily but at a good clip. The first mile was made in 5:14 1-5, Dorando leading two yards.

Progress of Race

At five miles Dorando was leading by two yards. Time, 28.27 4-5.

Longboat took the lead early in the third mile but held it for three laps only. Dorando letting out a link in his speed and running around the Canadian. Dorando then continued in the lead, and at the finish of the tenth mile was running at a steady, fast gait two yards ahead of his opponent. The time for the ten miles was 58 min. 57 sec., which is 1 min. 9 2/5 sec. faster than the time made in the Hayes-Dorando race for the distance.

There was practically no change between the tenth and fifteenth miles. Dorando leading at the latter distance by three yards. The time for fifteen miles was 1 hour 30 min. 22-5 sec. This was 1 min. 45 1/5 sec. better than the Hayes-Dorando time.

Longboat took the lead on the last lap of the fourteenth mile, increasing the pace a trifle. It proved to be a spasmodic effort on the Indian's part as Dorando easily passed him two laps further and was ahead at the end of the fifteenth mile. Longboat began to show signs of fatigue in the running of the seventeenth mile, but kept within striking distance of the little Indian who seemed to have a lot left. Longboat was again in the lead when the twentieth mile had been completed. He was then two yards ahead of Dorando and had made the distance in 2 hours 3 min. 58 3/5 sec. This was 1 min. 25 1/2 sec. ahead of the time in the Hayes-Dorando race.

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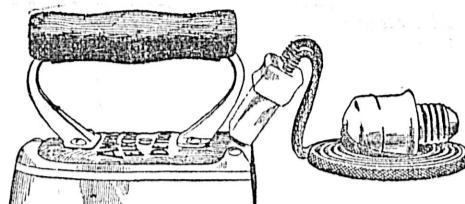
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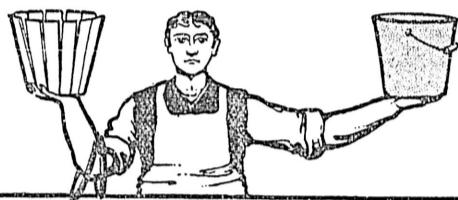
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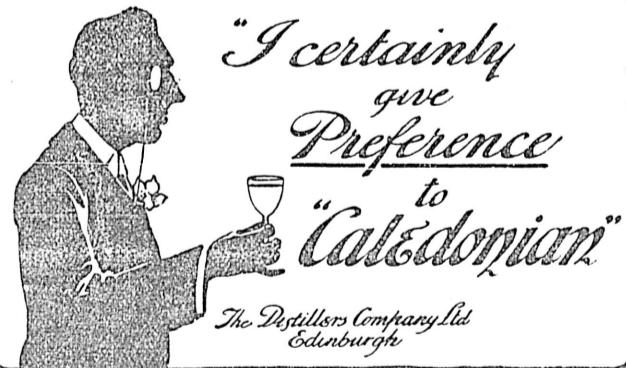
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TELL OF YEAR'S WORK

City's Chief Magistrate Gives Account of His Stewardship for the Year

Despite the inclement weather, the council chamber at the city hall was well filled last evening when Mayor Hall addressed the electors of Victoria, giving a full account of the work undertaken and done by the city council during its tenure of office. In calling the meeting, Mayor Hall introduced an innovation in civic administration, in that last night's meeting was the first of its kind ever called here for a similar purpose. There was nothing of civic politics in the move. As Mayor Hall explained to those present, he felt that it was due to the electors that the city's chief magistrate, on the completion of his term of office, should personally give an account of his stewardship, and it was with this idea in view that he had called the meeting. He had no desire, nor intention, of making anything in the nature of a political move when he called the meeting. As he was in the field for re-election, he would reserve his political efforts to a future date, when the campaign was well under way.

That others, however, had the idea of bringing contentious matters to the fore at once was shown by the list of written questions which were submitted by Phil. R. Smith. The questions, which were answered by Mayor Hall, did not apparently appeal to the meeting as being any criticism of the mayor's, or council's, record for the year, and as Mayor Hall took his seat he was liberally applauded.

A Proper Step

Alderman Cameron occupied the chair. He complimented Mayor Hall for calling the meeting, which might be in the nature of an innovation, but it was certainly a step in the right direction. Anything which brings the ratepayers and their representatives into closer touch was to be commended and he congratulated Mayor Hall on the step taken.

Alderman Cameron also pointed out that the meeting was not in any sense a political one, but one called simply to hear the mayor summarize the results of the year's work. Any questions to be asked would be permitted after Mayor Hall completed his address.

His Worship was applauded as he rose to speak. He believed that the ratepayers ought to hear his statement at a time when the heat of the campaign would be lacking and matters could be discussed in a calm and dispassionate manner, when his hearers could weigh his words carefully and well.

The mayor's speech was devoted wholly to an outline of the work which the present council had undertaken during the year since its appointment to office. Before the last civic election the ratepayers had been given a financial statement of the city's affairs, and they had no idea of just how the civic finances stood. The present council found, when it took office, that it had to face a deficit of exactly \$11,004.25 in the shape of an overdraft at the Bank of British North America. This had to be paid out of the general revenue of the city and constituted at the outset a heavy liability. But it had been paid. (Applause.)

Would Do for Streets

If that amount were in the possession of the council today there would be fewer holes in the streets to fill up and less complaints from the ratepayers.

Other expenditures incurred by the last council were met, as intended, out of the proceeds of the funds raised under bylaws authorized by the ratepayers.

At the last election two bylaws were voted upon, the water works and the incinerator bylaws. With regard to the latter measure, Mayor Hall explained that after he had been returned to office he had suggested that a committee be appointed and sent to Vancouver to study and report upon the incinerator plant there. This suggestion was adopted, Alderman Henderson, City Electrician Hutchinson and City Engineer Topp going over to Vancouver and making a thorough study of the plant there. This committee reported that the expense of operating such a plant was so great that in view of the much better facilities here for carrying garbage out to sea at a very reasonable cost, the latter plan should be adopted. This recommendation was adopted and in consequence the money authorized under the incinerator bylaw was never raised.

The waterworks bylaw, passed by a very narrow majority, was the other money bylaw ratified at the date of the last election. The verdict of the ratepayers was that the Elk lake scheme should be pushed ahead. Just as soon as the thirty days allowed for objections against the bylaw to be put in, the present council undertook the duty cast upon it by the electors. Tenders for the different parts of the work were called for and no time lost. Today, Mayor Hall was glad to say, the Smith's Hill reservoir is three-quarters completed and will be finished, the city's consulting engineer had stated, in May next. This work calls for an expenditure of \$99,000 and to date a little over \$46,000 had been expended, the expenditure including a plant used in the operations, which will be worth a considerable sum and be a valuable asset to the city for future works.

Great Progress Made

Mayor Hall believed it would help people to realize the progress made on the installation of the new waterworks system when he informed them that since March when the contract was let, no less than twelve miles of mains have been laid. Since that time not only had the tenders to be let but the pipes had to be manufactured, shipped out from the old country and installed, a fact which demonstrated, better than any words of his own, the activity of the council in pushing ahead a work which is to provide the residents of Victoria with the plentiful supply of fresh water so essential to the welfare of the city. (Applause.)

But the above was not the only work undertaken in connection with the waterworks system. Expert Adams had suggested that the surface of the Elk lake should be raised three and one-half feet. This has been practically done and gangs of employees are now at work between the city and the lake preparing the way for the big mains and performing other necessary work in connection with the system. In fact, the mayor stated, the system would be almost completed by the end of May or early in June when the bugbear of past years, a water shortage, will have ceased to exist. The reservoir, when completed, will have a capacity of 16,000,000 gallons, sufficient

to give the city a supply for several days should any accident happen which would cut off the Elk lake source. The new pump for the North Dairy farm station is now here and is being installed, the pump for the Yates street pumping station is in place and the wires are strung from there to the high level tower. In course of erection on St. Charles street. When this latter work is completed by the end of January that portion of the system to supply the higher levels will be in readiness.

Has Its Advantages

It was quite true, Mayor Hall admitted, that the necessary and extensive work involved in installing the waterworks system as well as the salt water high pressure system, has made a mess of the streets. It simply had to be the case. But on the other hand the work had resulted in giving ample occupation to a large number of laboring men who at this time of year, generally find that work is more or less scarce. The inconvenience is more than counterbalanced by the benefits to be derived in an adequate water supply and a well-employed laboring class. (Cheers.)

Turning to other works undertaken by the council, Mayor Hall recalled that on April 22 four bylaws were ratified by the ratepayers, the Salt Water High Pressure system of fire protection, Additional Fire Protection, School Loan and Sewer Loan bylaws. All measures had received the hearty approval of the ratepayers which the council, he believed, had been justified in feeling was an expression of the confidence which the people of Victoria had in their representatives on the council board this (cheers.)

He believed that if the council had done nothing else during the year than undertake the installation of the salt water high pressure system it would have done lasting good to the city, and it merited the confidence of the ratepayers. The fire underwriters have declared that when the system is finished and ready for work and other work in connection with the city fire fighting system completed, there will be a large reduction in the present high rates of insurance, a reduction which, Mayor Hall declared, will prove considerably larger than most people expect. In other cities, New York, Toronto and elsewhere, such systems have been installed and have proved their worth. It will mean a great saving to the ratepayers in money to say nothing of the greatly increased protection to property. He had no hesitation in saying that with the completion of the system and the additions which have been made to the existing fire fighting apparatus Victoria will be the best protected city of any on the Pacific coast (Applause). To date about one mile of the three miles of mains to be laid has been installed and rapid progress is being made on the balance. About sixty-five men are employed on the work and about \$27,000, the sum total including the cost of all of the pipes, has been spent. The system will be ready for operation by the time the dry season arrives next year, the season when the greatest danger from fires is experienced.

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For the school loan, Mayor Hall claimed no credit, as the council was forced to submit the measure, but under the sewer loan bylaw which was passed by the ratepayers authorizing the raising of \$50,000, seven miles of sewers had been laid at an expenditure of nearly \$67,000, and the council will ask the ratepayers to authorize the raising of another loan for \$50,000, as well as a bylaw for an amount of the remodelling of the city hall.

In addition to the above a great deal of street work has been undertaken. Quite twelve and one-half miles of cement walks have been laid, double the

amount ever laid in any previous year, and by the time the works authorized are completed about \$152,000 will have been spent. Over a mile of block pavement has been laid, including the repaving of Government street, the expenditure amounting to about \$73,000. A great deal more street work would have been done had not the council during the latter part of the year decided that no street paving should be undertaken until the water mains and sewers were laid thus doing away with the practice of previous years of tearing up a newly laid roadway to allow of the water mains and sewers being installed. The city could not force the gas company to lay its mains on a street before the pavement was put down, but the company was always asked to make an effort to do so, and thus preserve the roadway. The mayor referred anyone who wished to see what a good macadam road really was like, to take a look at Rockland avenue, a credit to the city and to the council.

Ahead of Other Cities.

Mayor Hall declared that when he was in Ottawa last summer the city engineer of that city had stated that Victoria, for the length of time it has been putting down macadam pavements and for the size of the town, is better served in this respect than any other city in the country.

Turning to the physical position of the city Mayor Hall referred to the more or less side of the council's work, pointing out that as soon as he was sworn in as mayor he had directed that the laws should be enforced to the letter. That order has never been revoked. Active steps have been taken against a certain element of the community and all the council is now waiting for is the decision of the full court in the case of a certain woman who has been prosecuted by the city. The license laws had been enforced as regards saloons which had not complied with the regulations relative to rooms and interior arrangements and the report of the license inspector, an official appointed for the first time by the present council, a step which has proved a good one, shows that the law is being observed. In fact the regulations have never been better enforced or observed than at present.

"Of course, I don't mean that the situation in that respect is perfect," declared Mayor Hall. "It will never be so until humanity is perfect. The present conditions are better than ever before. A great deal depends upon the citizens themselves. They make the laws but the legislators. The city is restricted greatly by the powers granted by the government. The license commissioners have no right to cancel a license except for cause, not until a conviction can be obtained and it is no easy matter to secure such conviction. If the license commission had the power it could soon put an end to illegal practices."

Mayor Hall touched upon the efforts made by the license commission to put an end to the supplying of liquor to those interdicted from its use and so far the law is being generally observed though as in the case of any law it is sometimes broken.

Can't Regulate Clubs.

As to gambling, Mayor Hall pointed out that there are at present about sixteen or seventeen clubs in the city, all but one or two of which are in Chinatown. These clubs are under charter and are as inviolate as a private home. Other cities have the same difficulty to contend against. The executive of the British Columbia Union of Municipalities has taken the matter up and the attorney-general had promised to introduce legislation which will enable the city to control such places. Other than that he felt that he was safe in saying that no gambling is going on in the city and everything possible has been done to put an end to it. The difficulty to be met in this regard could be appreciated when it is understood that poker, for instance, and "a game called bridge," are not considered by the courts to be gambling. Book-making at the races has also been held to be lawful. Consequently to put an end to gambling is a problem much more difficult than generally supposed.

Increase of Civic Work.

Mayor Hall referred to the necessity of enlarging the civic quarters at the city hall in order to provide for the enormous increase in the city work. There are at present over 700 men on the payroll, exclusive of those on a monthly payroll. In order to meet the demand of the employees for a semi-

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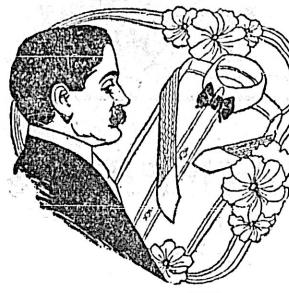
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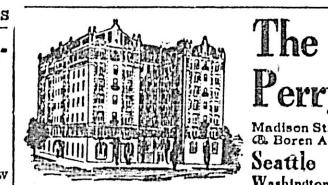
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ELECTORS HEAR MAYOR TELL OF YEAR'S WORK

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monthly pay day, on the 5th and 19th of each month, the appointment of a regular paymaster will have to be made, and this is a scheme which will be brought into being at the first of the coming year. The council will ask the ratepayers to authorize a loan for \$35,000 for the proposed alterations to the city hall in order to permit the various departments to cope with the increase in the city's work. While there are many men employed by the city he did not wish to see men from outside coming here in the hope of securing work when there were men at home capable of doing it. In fact within the past week he had sent six men from outside back again as preference would always be given to Victoria.

Mayor Hall finished with the statement that he felt sure the work of the present council has commanded itself to the ratepayers and that the past year has been the most progressive in the history of the city. (Cheers).

Questions Put.

Alderman Cameron called attention to the fact that a number of questions had been presented by members of the audience to be answered by the mayor.

These questions were more or less fully covered by Mayor Hall's address, and were shortly answered by him, his replies being satisfactory to the audience, judging by the applause. Considering the source whence they emanated it is a certainty that Mayor Hall will be called upon during the campaign to again answer the same questions. He declared that he had never promised the Christian Endeavor Union to prevent disreputable houses from locating above Government street on Herald street or Chatham street. On the contrary he was opposed to such places anywhere in the city, and he thought his record and the active part he has always taken in the cause of reform would indicate how he stood on such matters. But with the law as it is the council, until it gets further powers is powerless to act. In answer to another question, he stated that the C.P.R. has no monopoly of Store street, and has no more right there than would any other company, if the city saw fit to grant the latter running rights, but one thing he did know and that was that as a consequence of the line being built the B. Wilson company is now erecting buildings to cost nearly \$90,000, which would not have been built had no road been allowed along Store street. Other questions relative to gambling, the negotiations between the city and the V. & S. railway in regard to terminals on Blanchard street, which were refused by the city, were put and answered.

the subject of our sketch verbatim, "Tony hands 'em to you extra big."

ST. ANDREW'S ENTERTAIN

Large Number Enjoy Monthly Concert and Dance Held Last Evening

Despite the unfavorable weather, the monthly concert and dance given last night under the auspices of St. Andrew's society at the A.O.U.W. hall, proved a great success, nearly one hundred couples being present. After the concert, at which a splendid programme of instrumental and vocal numbers was rendered, President P. J. Riddell, on behalf of the society, presented Mrs. Manson with a handsome souvenir as a slight expression of the appreciation of her many acts of kindness towards the society. Refreshments were served shortly before midnight after which dancing was continued until an early hour.

Among those who participated in the programme were: Bagpipe selection, Edward Wishard; songs, by James Taylor, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Waddington, Alexander Herbinson, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor; flute selection, Mr. and Mrs. Knott; club swinging, William Moir; piano selections, Miss Florence Angus; violin selection, Mr. Dobson; selections by the pipe band, Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the dance music.

PLUNGED TO DEATH

Butcher's Delivery Horse Dashes Over Embankment Into Harbor

Dashing over the embankment on Belleville street, a few feet east of the J. B. A. A. club house a horse and delivery rig, the property of Porter & Sons, plunged into the bay shortly before noon yesterday. Though there were several people in the immediate vicinity it was impossible to rescue the animal before it was drowned. The driver of the vehicle was engaged in delivering the firm's wares and had left the horse standing outside a Menzies street residence. The reins had been tied too tightly to the rig and the horse in fitfuls about became excited. It finally worked the reins free and started along the road towards Belleville street at full speed. At the corner of Menzies street and Belleville street the animal attempted to turn but the momentum gained carried it obliquely over the sidewalk and down the embankment the speed being accelerated on the incline rendering it impossible for the animal to stop. The beast plunged into the water where it was held by the heavy rig to which it was attached. It was near high tide and no effort could be made to get the carcass and rig out until the water lowered.

ENTERTAINED CAMPAIGNERS

Mutiny Veterans Tell of the Siege and Relief of Lucknow

The members of the British Campaigners' association were very pleasantly entertained last evening by the members of the Imperial Service club at their rooms upon Government street. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Donnison, Evans, C. Winkler, Pomey, Harrison and Beaven. White recitations were given by the Mutiny veterans, Mr. George Millett, and by Capt. Curtis, R.N. Mr. Millett, who was one of the beleaguered men in Lucknow, recently recited "Jessie Brown's Dream." Mr. Millett, who was born at Castle Donington, in Leicestershire, served throughout the dreadful period of the Mutiny in the Fighting Fifth Northumbrian Fusiliers. The siege lasted from the 8th of May until the 17th of the following November, when Lucknow was relieved by Sir Colin Campbell, and his Highlanders. The troops in Lucknow consisted of the 32nd Regiment, a few of the 61st Regiment and one wing of the 5th Northumbrian Fusiliers. Col. Lawrence, a brother of the celebrated Sir John Lawrence, who at the beginning of the siege, was in command, dying not long afterwards from his wounds, was succeeded by Col. Inglass, of the Royal Engineers. Mr. Millett states that the Highlanders' solemn oath to slay a rebel for every hair in the head of Gen. Wheeler's daughter, who was horribly maltreated and then murdered, was quite or almost literally redeemed.

ORPHANAGE BOARD

Meets to Elect Officers and Strike Committees

The first meeting of the recently elected managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday at the city hall for the purpose of completing their organization in accordance with the by-laws.

After disposing of the routine business, the following officers were elected and committees struck:

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Honorary physician—Dr. D. R. Holden.

Committee of Ladies for 1908—Representing the Anglican churches—Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Mrs. A. Toller, Miss J. Tolmie.

Representing the Baptist churches—Mrs. William Andrews, Mrs. H. F. Bishop, Mrs. D. P. Pickard, Mrs. Peter Wilson.

Representing the Congregational church—Miss Flora Braik, Mrs. A. Vigilius, Mrs. William Scowcroft, Mrs. D. Sprague.

Representing the Methodist churches—Mrs. John Teague, Mrs. R. Croft, Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, Mrs. N. Shakespear.

Representing the Presbyterian church—Mrs. T. Fell, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. D. Miller, Mrs. William Munste.

Representing the Reformed Episcopal church—Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. K. Huckell, Mrs. J. Langley, Mrs. G. A. McTavish.

Shop Breaker's Fate—Toronto, Dec. 15.—Thomas O'Brien, an alleged shop-breaker, arrested on Sunday night after falling from the third storey window of a Front street warehouse, which it was alleged he was robbing, died in the hospital this afternoon. His injuries, received in falling upon a pile of glass, were such as to make recovery impossible from the first.

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A QUESTION OF LOYALTY.

In the course of an article dealing with the causes of Mr. Templeman's defeat, which by the way seems to be magnified beyond precedent, the Regina Leader uses this expression: "It is a sign—and a welcome sign—that the Colonist itself at any rate hates to be considered as lacking in loyalty." An expression of this kind is calculated to provoke a retort the reverse of courteous, but as it discloses a point of view which we think deserves very serious consideration we shall consider it seriously. We invite the Regina paper to follow its observations to their logical conclusion. And first we will ask it if it will tell us, when it speaks of loyalty, to whom or what does it consider that loyalty to be due?

The Colonist's appreciation of loyalty is not that it is due to any man or set of men, who may happen to be in power at any time, not to any line of policy which any set of men, whether they constitute the British or the Canadian government, may see fit to adopt. As between nations, loyalty, as we understand it, calls for unity of sentiment and action on the part of the people of a country, no matter how much some of them may be opposed to the policy which the government of the country has adopted. To state an extreme case, we feel that every British subject is bound by loyalty to defend his country, as best he is able, in time of war, although he may not concur in the policy of his government which has brought about that war. But as far as the relation between the people of the British Empire and the government of the day is concerned, no loyalty whatever is due as far as relates to questions of policy.

For example, a Canadian might be ready to fight for his country in a war precipitated by the policy of the government, but he ought, if he disapproved of that policy, to take the first convenient opportunity of expressing in a constitutional way that disapproval. Let us apply this principle to the concrete case under consideration, namely, the treaty with Japan. If by reason of that treaty the British Empire should become involved in war, it would be the duty of every citizen of the Empire, capable of bearing arms, to go to its defence, if his services were needed, and this quite apart from whatever his views might be as to the expediency of that treaty. Pending the existence of that treaty, there is no existing obligation on the part of any Canadian or any other citizen of the Empire to remain content with the treaty and not to agitate for its abrogation, its alteration or its interpretation in such a way as he may think the most favorable to his own part of the Empire, or to the Empire as a whole.

Hence, as under that treaty the Japanese have the right of free entry into Canada, every Canadian has the privilege to use every means in his power to have that right annulled, restricted or altered in any way that he thinks would be best for the country, and no question of loyalty arises in connection therewith.

Hence also, two plans of action having been open to the Dominion government at the time the Japanese treaty was presented, namely to ratify the treaty as it stood or to ask for the inclusion of a provision similar to the Queensland protocol, and the government having chosen the former course, it was open for the people of Canada on the first opportunity that presented itself, to express their opinion as to the wisdom of that course, without any question of their loyalty being raised, and the electors of the city of Victoria having chosen to express their disapproval of that course, no one has a right to charge them with being disloyal to Imperial interests, or to go further and lay at their doors a general charge of disloyalty. We think we have made this abundantly clear.

There is another aspect of the case, and to make it plain we shall attempt to define of what in our opinion loyalty consists. It consists in a personal devotion to the land in which we live, whether that land is considered only as a province, a Dominion or as a world-encompassing Empire; in a personal determination to maintain unimpaired the institutions of the country; in fidelity to the laws; in a determination on the part of each individual to transmit to his descendants and to all those who come after him, and whose trustees he is, unimpaired, as far as he is able, the country in which he lives with all the privileges, prospects and advantages which he himself enjoys, and in fidelity to his sovereign as the representative of the government and as the personal expression thereof, as far as this fidelity does not involve a departure from the other principles above set out. 'Avow-

ing such principles as these, the Colonist believes it to be the duty of every British subject to investigate as best he can the questions involved in Oriental immigration, and to act upon his matured judgment arrived at after such investigation. We are confident that such an investigation will show that no man can, consistently with loyalty to his country, its people or its institutions, favor the immigration of Oriental people into Canada. There are some Asiatic races, whose influx into the country would be less to be dreaded than that of others; but the Japanese are to be feared most of all. The population of Japan is increasing at the rate of nearly, if not quite, a million a year. There is no place to which this great annual surplus would like to go more than to Canada, and if they once had free entry into the Dominion, they would speedily occupy the land. This great country, which commands the North Pacific ocean would, under a policy of unrestricted immigration, speedily become overrun with Japanese, and it would only be a very short time before there would be a conflict of races, which might imperil the very existence of the British Empire. In such a conflict the Japanese would be on the ground here, and be numerically superior to the white population, for a white population will not go into a country into which the yellow races are freely flowing. Nor would this effect be confined to British Columbia alone, for the Japanese tide would soon find its way to the prairies, and the great interior provinces, which we are told will become the seat of a Greater Britain, would soon become a Greater Japan. We are not indulging in any mere imaginings. We are speaking of what every one knows would be the case, who has given the matter serious consideration. British Columbia is interposing herself between an influx of Japanese which, if uncontrolled, would sweep over the prairies like an ocean tide.

But we will be told that the Lemieux agreement restricts such immigration. This we have never denied, but the Lemieux agreement was not an issue in British Columbia. The issue was first the ratification of the Japanese treaty as it stood, and second the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as expressed in his Russell House speech.

The people of British Columbia never had an opportunity to pronounce upon these things, and they took the first constitutional occasion of doing so that arose. For such an action no apology is necessary. Any other course would have been unpatriotic. If the action of the government and the views of the Premier had been endorsed we would have heard nothing of disloyalty. And may we ask the Regina paper, why no such charge is preferred against the people of Australia, who have taken even a more advanced stand than the people of British Columbia.

We have discussed this matter at some length because it seems right that the case, as it presents itself to a majority of the people of this province, should not be misunderstood.

MR. MACKINDER'S VIEWS.

Mr. Halford John Mackinder is Director of the London School of Economic and Political Science, and he has been telling the people of London in a lecture that the Empire is in danger because of an unconscious drift on the part of the younger generation of Canadians towards independence, and the temptation to give the United States commercial terms, which in the end would lead to political union. We think that Mr. Mackinder ought to have informed himself better before expressing such views. If he understood commercial and other conditions on the North American Continent, as we have a right to suppose a professor of economics and political science would understand them, he would have learned that there is nothing in the alleged tendency towards independence which need interfere with the continuation of the Dominion as a part of the Empire. One would suppose that familiarity with the history of Canada would show that, in proportion as the political ties between the Mother Country and the Dominion have been relaxed, the stronger have grown those other ties, which though intangible are very real and infinitely stronger than anything that can be expressed by a statute or an order in council.

If Mr. Mackinder had informed himself as to the facts, he would have learned that years ago, when it was proposed that the people of the British North American provinces should have responsible government, there were timid souls who saw in the demand for it the entering wedge which was to split this country from the Empire. The fears of the Mackinders of those days were groundless, and so are those that are expressed today from the chair of Economics and Political Science. If Mr. Mackinder had familiarized himself with the working of the former reciprocity treaty with the United States he would learn that so far from the freedom of commercial intercourse thereby created having begotten a sentiment in favor of political union, the result was quite the other way.

A London dispatch says that parliament will prorogue in the course of the next few days. It has been a most abortive session. The collapse of the Government's two most pretentious, most carefully prepared measures within a few days of each other, together with the Liberal defeat in the Middlesex bye-election, fortifies the assertion that the Liberals have lost the country's confidence and justifies the election shown by the Conservative politicians and press.

The Bishop of Birmingham in an address a few days ago made an interesting reference to Britain's problem in India. He said views of politicians and statesmen had changed extraordinarily during the last ten years with regard to missionary work. The India office was, he said, profoundly impressed with the conviction that unless we could get a basis for human brotherhood and common sympathy between Englishmen and the people of India neither our empire nor our civilization could last.

The announcement that the C.P.R. is contemplating the construction of two additional steamers to be operated from Victoria to northern ports furnishes eloquent testimony of the growth of shipping in these waters and the enterprising policy of the greatest transportation company in the world.

cherish the belief that in some way, that is no more clear to us than the ways of the past were to our fathers, the problems of Empire will be solved as they arise in a manner which will promote its welfare, and preserve it to be, what it unquestionably is, a nation in which human liberty finds its best expression.

A CORRECTION.

It was almost inevitable that in the preparation of such a large issue as the Jubilee Edition of the Colonist, some inaccuracies would occur. In a part of the edition an error occurred in regard to the Tyee Smelter, and although this has been corrected in the remaining copies printed, it is desirable, we think, to make a correction here, so that it will come under the notice of all Colonist readers. In the article on Ladysmith it is stated that "It is months since the furnaces were in blast." The fact is that the Tyee Smelter has been almost continually in operation since September, and is in full blast today, although there has been a short period of rest. We understand that the disbursements of the Company in connection with the Smelter will by the end of the year not be far short of the \$100,000, and that the shipments of ore now coming forward and promised are such that the Company expects to keep the Smelter going continuously hereafter. In another place it was said that "the Tyee Copper Company has long been most assiduously seeking to obtain sufficient ore to keep its smelter at Ladysmith in operation, but has not succeeded in doing so." The latter part of this statement is incorrect and we substitute for it a note by the Provincial Mineralogist, which we take from the report of the Victoria Board of Trade for the current year: "Tyee, The Company's smelter at Ladysmith, under the management of Mr. W. J. Watson, has been run almost continuously during the year on custom ores from various parts of the Coast Districts, supplemented by ores from Mexico." We need not say how greatly we regret these inaccuracies but, as has been said above, a few errors were inevitable.

Germany launched a new "Dreadnought" on Saturday, but the Kaiser did not make a speech. Had his speech, however, his remarks would, we are sure, have been worth listening to. The Grand Trunk Pacific expects to have its rails into Edmonton in March. That city will then be on the line of three transcontinental railways. Certainly these are days of great development.

The House of Lords has given a slight setback to the movement of women to gain the suffrage, by deciding that women graduates of the Scottish universities are not entitled to vote for the university member of parliament. So women are not "persons."

It is said that very shortly airships will be running on regular schedules conveying passengers from point to point in competition with the railways. Well, this will afford at least one method of getting out of the way of the scorching automobilist.

A large party of farm laborers and domestic servants have just left Scotland for Canada. They will be warmly welcomed and will, we are sure, get on well in the Dominion. We have room for thousands more of them and we trust that British Columbia will get its share of this class of immigrants.

Notwithstanding the full and frank admissions of the Colonist in regard to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's remarks, the Times reiterates its charge of misquotation. We shall make no further observations on the subject and only make this one so that Colonist readers may understand what we have to put up with.

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The Bishop of Birmingham in an address a few days ago made an interesting reference to Britain's problem in India. He said views of politicians and statesmen had changed extraordinarily during the last ten years with regard to missionary work. The India office was, he said, profoundly impressed with the conviction that unless we could get a basis for human brotherhood and common sympathy between Englishmen and the people of India neither our empire nor our civilization could last.

The announcement that the C.P.R. is

indicative of another thing—that Victoria cannot begin a moment too soon to take steps to improve its dock accommodation. Private initiative has done much already and will no doubt do more, but it is imperative that something in the nature of a public enterprise should supplement these efforts.

An engineer formerly engaged in the construction of the Panama canal under the French regime, takes the gloomiest view of the prospects for the success of the undertaking, predicting "the greatest disaster of the kind in history." This gentleman has either spoken too late or else he does not know what he is talking about. That much seems obvious. The United States has the money to complete the huge job, it is employing the most skilled talent obtainable in the world, and most people will be inclined to think it will achieve success, until the supreme test has established failure.

General Swayne, governor of British Honduras, finds the Hindus domiciled in this province unwilling to emigrate to his territory, and therefore advises that they be allowed to remain here if they so desire. This is exactly the line of action which the Colonist urged should be taken, and indeed it was so obvious that we could never understand how any other view could have been held. Our Ottawa correspondent informed us yesterday that the total Hindu immigration to Canada this year has been six, compared with 2,623 last year, so it will be seen that we have little to fear from any further influx of laborers of that class. All negotiations with the few who are now in the country should therefore cease and they should be given to understand that they are welcome to engage in whatever pursuits for which they may be fitted. The whole situation will right itself very speedily if left absolutely alone.

It is reported from Dawson that two new companies which have just been organized promise to rival the Guggenheims in the number of dredges which they will operate. Ample capital is said to have been subscribed for the enterprise by a syndicate of mining men of Kansas City, and it is proposed to install a joint power plant to drive twenty dredges. This is the very best evidence that the famous Yukon gold fields are far from being "worked out." The day of the individual miner has pretty well passed, so far as present discoveries go, but a combination of science and enterprise in the task of winning gold from Mother Earth's treasure vaults will for a long period furnish remunerative employment to large bodies of men.

The Unionists, already discounting the approaching dissolution of the Asquith cabinet, are beginning to make promises to the country as to what they will do when they return to power. In a recent speech, Mr. George Wyndham outlined the party's tariff views. The Unionists' programme, Mr. Wyndham said, would include a duty of two shillings (48 cents) on wheat, with a preference to Canada; no duty on wool and a small duty on wood. It was, he said, unnecessary to tax wool, since five times as much wool came from British possessions as from elsewhere abroad. Wool should be taxed, not for Canada's sake, since it was already satisfied with the preference on wheat, but for purposes of income, as well as to encourage afforestation at home. For the moment, declared the speaker, this would be sufficient and the party would wait to see the extent of United States tariff reform before it want any further.

In Canada, as in Australia, the dominant note was loyalty"—Sir Horace Tozer, agent for Queensland, at the Imperial Colonial Club, London. It is quite the fashion nowadays for all public men visiting or returning to Great Britain after a tour of the Colonies to place themselves on record as believing that the people who dwell in the overseas dominions are "loyal." Canadians are getting just a little bit tired of this constant insistence on a fact which cannot be made more of a fact by re-statement. We do not consider it necessary when referring to the people who dwell in the British Isles, to say that we believe they are loyal. Why, then, should one section of the British people be singled out for debate as to their fidelity to the Crown? We are sure that the people of Canada at all events would be better pleased if their loyalty were taken for granted occasionally; and statesmen who are working for the consolidation of the Empire would make more progress in their task if they took this into consideration.

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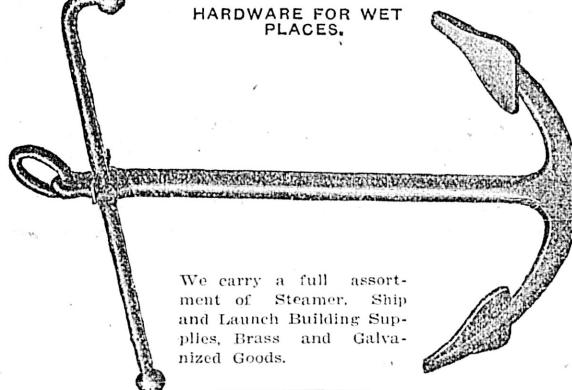
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Council of Board.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade may be held tomorrow morning.

Semi-Annual Exams.

The semi-annual examinations from entrance qualifications into the High-School will commence this morning before E. B. Paul, city superintendent.

Not the Local Man.

The George A. Stoddart, cook on the steamer Ophir, reported dead in Vancouver, is not a brother of Mr. Stoddart, of Yates street.

Executive Meeting

There was a meeting of the executive yesterday afternoon and there will be another today. The contract for the construction of the public improvements at Prince Rupert will probably be awarded today.

Building Permits Issued

Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to W. J. Pendray for a workshop to be erected in connection with the B. C. Soap Works, Belleville street, at a cost of \$450, and to J. A. Scott for a stable to be erected on Mears street to cost \$150.

Christmas Decorations

Preparations are now under way in many of the business places of the city towards decorating the windows for the Christmas holidays. The empty windows at present present a fine showing when the decorations are put in place.

Garrison Dramatic Club.

An entertainment will be given this evening by the Garrison Dramatic club at the Work Point theatre. It will be the first of a series and the curtain will be raised at 8.30 o'clock promptly. All members of the Imperial Service club are extended a cordial invitation.

Anglican Young People.

The Anglican Young People's association will hold a social gathering in St. John's hall this evening at 8 p.m. The members will be delighted to welcome any who may care to attend, especially strangers to the city, who have not yet had an opportunity of making friends.

Young Women Will Meet

The Young Woman's Club of the Metropolitan church will hold its regular missionary meeting in the lecture-room of the church next Wednesday, December 16. Members are asked to bring contributions or distribution to the poor. A further discussion will be held on the book the members have been considering, Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies."

Travel Is Light

The near approach of Christmas is being felt by the local ticket offices, where until a week ago a veritable rush by those leaving for outside points was experienced. This rush has been attended to and now practically all those who intend spending the holidays out of the city, except those bound for nearby cities, are now on their way. From now until after the holidays travel will be very light as is always the case at this time of year.

In the Police Court

In the police court yesterday the Vled case was remanded until today, and the Bootah Singh stealing case put over until tomorrow, which will give the clerk a day to partially catch up with the extension of his short-hand notes. There have been a great many important cases lately which entailed an enormous amount of extra work on him. An unfortunate woman was charged with vagrancy. She pleaded guilty and was given a month in jail.

New Officers Elected

The regular weekly meeting of the young people of the First Baptist church was held in Victoria hall last Monday. The special business of the meeting was election of officers for the ensuing six months. The new officers are as follows: President, Miss Margaret Freeman; vice-president, W. Dinsmore; secretary, Miss E. Gilmore; treasurer, Miss W. Beckwith; organist, Mrs. R. W. Coleman; reporter, W. Russell; Miss M. Andrews, R. W. Coleman and A. Middleton were elected to serve on the executive committee. At the conclusion of the business the social committee served refreshments of coffee, cake, etc.

Citizens' League Meets

A Citizens' League committee meeting, having in view the selection of aldermanic candidates who would see eye to eye to them in reference to questions of moral and social reform, including local option, met last evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and after some rather informal discussion which had no very definite results, adjourned at the call of the chair, Rev. A. J. Thompson was chairman, and among those present were: A. J. Pineo, Rev. G. W. Dean, J. Martin, Mrs. Spofford, A. J. Brae and R. W. Coleman.

Croft.

The funeral services in connection with the interment of the remains of the late Robert Croft took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Blanchard avenue. Rev. Mr. Holling officiated and the well known hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul," were sung. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased. Very many beautiful floral offerings were received.

The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Col. R. Wolfenden, George Crutieckshank, J. Keith Wilson, E. E. Wooton, James Andrews and F. A. Grant.

LONDON'S VOYAGE

In Trouble in the Solomon Group

Jack London, novelist, and wife, arrived at Sydney shortly before the Makura sailed, the shark having gone ashore at Malaita Island. She missed stays and a current put her on a reef. Natives, none of whom were in sight, then swarmed about the shark, and threats to fire frightened them away. About 1200 blacks gathered on the beach with all manner of weapons, and it seemed as if they would be trouble when a missionary arrived and with his vessel floated the shark, which was left at the Solomon Islands while London and his wife went to Sydney. The missionary had his house burned down by the natives in revenge for the assistance he gave. London went to Sydney to undergo a minor operation in the hospital there.

MINING AT NELSON

Former Managing Director of the Hall Mines, Ltd., Tells of the Property

The Hall Mines near Nelson are being worked by a syndicate headed by M. S. Davys, the mining engineer who was at one time in charge of the property for the company and who has during recent years from time to time leased the mine with good financial results. J. J. Campbell of Nelson, who for years was managing director of the Hall Mines Limited, is in town on private business and yesterday talked with a Colonist reporter about the mine which first helped to make Nelson known to the outside world. Mr. Campbell says that the big smelter, the large copper stack of which was at one time the biggest copper blast furnace on the continent is closed down at present. The reason is that the tall smelter can take care of all the silver-lead ore shipped by the local mines, so the Nelson smelter finds that it cannot do business without cutting things to a point which makes profitable smelting out of the question.

Mr. Campbell was in charge of the company's operations for a number of years, but has severed his connection with it. The mines are leased and the smelter shut down, leaving nothing for a financial manager to do. Mr. Campbell expects to be here for a few days.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C. at 8 p.m., December 15, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure remains low, on the British Columbian coast and the high areas over the Pacific states is decreasing as the storm moves southward; these conditions have caused fresh eastly winds and gales on the straits and outside waters; moderate to heavy rains are falling on the coast of Vancouver Island and in Western Oregon and Washington, and snow is falling at Salt Lake City; east of the Rockies a fresh high area is developing and the weather is chiefly cloudy and colder.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	36	39
New Westminster	38	40
Kamloops	18	25
Barkerville	8	32
Gangary, Alta.	6	32
Winnipeg, Man.	12	25
Portland, Ore.	36	44
San Francisco, Cal.	12	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Southerly winds, unsettled with rain and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, stronger on the straits, unsettled with rain and not much change in temperature.

TUESDAY.

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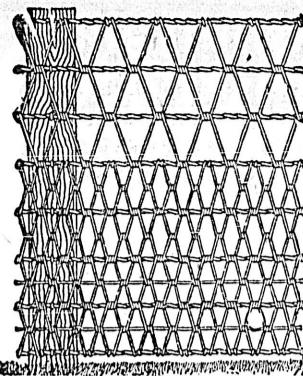
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TO URGE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING HARBOR

The Association Holds Annual
Meeting at City Hall—Re-
ceives Reports

The Inner Harbor association of Victoria, will urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of at once proceeding to carry out the recommendations made nearly three years ago by the Royal commission appointed to examine into the question of harbor improvements here. At the annual meeting of the association held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber of the city hall a resolution to the above effect was passed, the board of management being appointed a committee with power to add to its numbers to draw up a recommendation along the lines of the finding made by the Royal commission and this recommendation will be entrusted to G. H. Barnard, M.P., member-elect for Victoria, to submit to the federal authorities.

Thomas Sorby, secretary of the association, in making the suggestion that the above step be taken, briefly reviewed the progress of the association's work, pointed out the great necessity of the improvement work and the advantages which such will be to this city, making it a port such as it deserves to be adding to its importance from a commercial standpoint. The resolution submitted was passed unanimously. Incidentally great credit was given by Mr. Sorby to the Colonist for its consistent policy of advancing the interests of the port of Victoria by its articles on harbor improvement in the chief ports of the world, indicating the great benefits which will accrue to this city should a comprehensive scheme of improvements as recommended in the finding of the Royal commission be pushed ahead.

The annual report of the board of management to the members of the association was submitted and adopted as read.

Election of Officers

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of G. A. Kirk as chairman of the board of management; Thomas Sorby, as secretary and the following board of management: G. A. Kirk, Capt. W. Grant, J. A. Sayward, A. J. Bechtel, J. K. Rebbeck, Capt. Troup and Thomas C. Sorby. The board, with the exception of Mr. Rebbeck, who was elected to fill the place of the late Capt. Cox, is the same as that of last year. By Mr. Rebbeck's election the tugboat interests are now represented on the board of management.

In thanking the members for his re-election as secretary Mr. Sorby briefly reviewed the efforts which have been made towards the comprehensive improvement of the harbor. He stated that the board should now appoint a committee to urge upon the federal government the necessity of following out the recommendations of the Royal commission. About twelve years ago he had compiled data on the subject of harbor improvement and at that time he estimated that to carry out a scheme of improvement along almost exactly the same lines as subsequently recommended by the Royal com-

PRAIRIE RESIDENTS ARE COMING WEST

Hundreds Will Winter in Vic-
toria and Other Pacific
Coast Cities

The annual influx of residents of the prairie provinces has commenced. For some years the Pacific Coast, more particularly Victoria, has been the favorite wintering place for the thousands who have their homes in the middlewest and are anxious to escape the intensely cold weather experienced there at this season. So marked was the desire of the farmers of Saskatchewan and Alberta to come to a place without months of snow and a thermometer constantly below zero that the C. P. R. inaugurated special excursion rates to points on the Pacific Slope and since then Victoria has been singled out as a city meeting the requirements of the northwesterner in every respect. Hence the present arrival of hundreds of people, many of them accompanied by their families, who, during the spring and summer are busy sowing and reaping the wheat which has come to be recognized as one of Canada's greatest assets.

In practically every local hotel the register from day to day bears the autograph of a number of Canadian farmers from different parts of the new provinces, while a few find their way here, for no other purpose than to pleasantly spend a few months, from as far east as Winnipeg. The same is the case at the principal boarding establishments the proprietors of which report accommodation available fully occupied and that many of their guests hail from the territory just east of the Rocky mountains.

Pope Flood, of Deseronto, was shot and killed in St. Louis.

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Minister of Finance Kept Busy
Lecturing on Advantages
of Province

Following is an extract from a letter received by Col. A. W. Jones, of Victoria, from his brother, Charles S. Jones, of London, who for many years was a resident of British Columbia and still, as may be seen, takes a lively interest in its welfare:

"I have just returned from the apple show in Vincent Square, where there is a fine exhibit—Ontario, New Brunswick, British Columbia, etc.—and I certainly think the latter takes the palm. I met a lot of old B. C. people and had a long "wa wa" with Agent-General Turner and Minister of Finance Tatlow, and no one could work harder or do more for the old province than they do."

"There was not only a most creditable display of scores of boxes of magnificently apples, but a fine cinematograph exhibition of B. C. photos on the screen, comprising salmon fishing and packing, prize cattle, apple orchards, logging camps, scenes of the railway, etc., etc. Both our friends were very busy and explained the pictures as they were thrown on the screen; indeed, they made first rate showmen; and when the entertainment was over I noticed a rush of people to our representatives who were doubtless asked for further information regarding B. C. When I left at 11 a.m. Capt. Tatlow told me he was tired as he had been at it since 11 a.m. Indeed he has been touring around with these B. C. views and has been at Birmingham, Bristol and several other places, which doubtless will result in much benefit to B. C. I hear Mr. Turner is making arrangements to exhibit in other towns also. He is an indefatigable worker and never seems to tire of talking and writing up the province."

"By the way, do you recollect when you were here in June that we visited him in his offices about six stories up? Well, let me tell you he has "come down in the world" since then, as last Monday I called upon him in his new apartments which are on the first floor of the same building—a very judicious move in my opinion, as the office is most accessible, and the front entrance and large windows looking into Finsbury Circus have big gold letters, intimating that it is the abode of the agent-general of British Columbia, so that the thousands who pass daily can see that there is such a place. I'm dining at the Canada club on Wednesday next, where B. C. always turns up in force. I know that Mr. Tatlow and Mr. Turner will be there."

FRASER FISHERY CASE WILL BE APPEALED

Counsel Was Instructed to Ask
Leave to Appeal to Privy
Council

The Provincial government will appeal from the decision of the full court declaring the Provincial Fishery regulations to be invalid, to the Privy Council. Attorney-General Bowser said yesterday that he had instructed Mr. Cassidy, who argued the case for the province, to apply to the court for leave to appeal should a verdict be rendered adverse to the contention of the Provincial government. This was done in order to save time, as it is hoped to get the case on for hearing at the same time as some of the other matters which are pending before the supreme court and in which the province is interested.

The case in question arose out of a prosecution of a fisherman at New Westminster who refused to take out the provincial license. He was prosecuted before County Judge Howay, who held that the regulations were ultra vires of the local legislature, and dismissed the case. The province appealed to the full court, which upheld the county judge on the ground that the Dominion had occupied all the legislative field, thus leaving no opportunity for provincial enactments. The province's position was that, being the undisputed owner of the fish, it had a right to make regulations looking to the preservation of its property, which in this case took the form of a license to fish during stipulated periods only. The decision of the full court is of the first importance, and if correct, takes away all provincial control over provincial fisheries. In this view of the case, it has been decided to appeal to the highest court of the realm.

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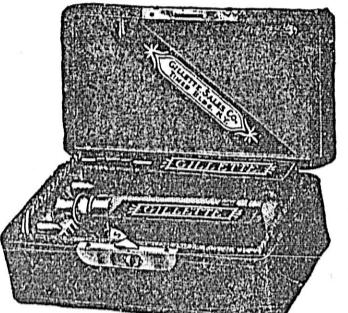
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While this is true, it cannot but be felt that where there is a need for women's work they should receive wages that will enable them to live independently of any pecuniary assistance. All women, especially all young women, who are absent from home need companionship, kindness and sympathy. That in far too many cases their work does not bring them enough to enable them to obtain fitting shelter, food and clothing is one of the evils which the good men and women of our time are seeking to remedy. To prevent a system from gaining a footing here, which in larger and older communities is productive of grave abuses, is worthy of the attention and the united efforts of all who have the good of our city at heart.

In his lecture before the Women's Canadian club of Toronto on "Woman's Relation to Modern Public Life," Professor Adam Shortt said that the public or social life of a community "was simply the other side of its private life. The trend of influence was not so much of the public on the private as of the private on the public life. Public life was the mere outward machinery for accomplishing the personal or real purpose of men and women." There is much to think about in these sentences. It has become too much the fashion to say that political life makes men corrupt. If politicians or any other class of Canadians are corrupt the fault lies, first of all, in our homes. If children are taught to look upon dishonesty and trickery as clever, they will, when they grow to be men, be crafty and dishonorable. If, on the contrary, the boys and girls who go into the world from our homes and our schools are straightforward and upright they will not readily descend to the tricks of the political boss or take advantage of their positions to make unlawful gain. Whether or not it is desirable that women shall take a greater part in the government of the country, it is certain that her greatest work will always be done in the home. There her influence in forming ideals and moulding character is very strong and it is there that she can accomplish most towards remedying abuses or bringing about reforms.

It is a comparatively new idea that the woman who manages the home needs special knowledge. In most countries the girl in former days received a thorough training in household duties from her mother. It was considered that no girl should be allowed to leave her father's house until she knew how to cook and was skilled in all the arts that contribute to the order and neatness of a home. Even where it would not be necessary for her to do the actual work of the home it was felt that she must know how such work should be done in order that she might efficiently direct and superintend the labors of others. No accomplishments were allowed to take the place of this preparation for the future.

The spread of education and modern conditions in the labor world have combined to prevent the majority of

the young women of the present generation from receiving this very necessary training. The girl who attends school for nine years or more of her life and who spends the interval between her school days and her marriage in some occupation which takes her from her home during the day has little opportunity of learning how to manage a house.

The loss has become so apparent that in recent years classes in cooking, in sewing and other domestic employments have been introduced into the school so that while girls are acquiring a knowledge of literature and mathematics they may at the same time be taught how to do the work that every woman will be obliged to perform in her own home. Not only is this felt to be necessary by those who have the management of the schools but the girls themselves have welcomed the innovation. The classes in Domestic Science are most popular and the break in the school routine has not been found to interfere with proficiency in other studies.

On the other hand, many a girl whose school life has been a record of bad marks and of failures at less some finds that when she goes into the kitchen of the domestic science teacher she can do excellent work. The confidence gained here often enables her to master subjects that she formerly found it impossible to cope with. The little housekeepers who are proud of their skill in cooking, who learn how to keep their miniature kitchens in perfect order and who look upon the donning of their caps and aprons as the preparation for a pleasant afternoon's work are not likely to look upon any necessary household task as drudgery.

There will assume more importance as the years go on. The necessity for economy will become greater as population increases. Women must learn to understand food values and how to preserve them. This has been forgotten by those who have founded colleges where the aid of science is brought to the selection and the preparation of food. In Canada there are such schools in Toronto, Montreal and Guelph and a few days ago Mrs. Lillian Massy-Treble endowed a laboratory of Household Science. But it is not only in regard to the food of the people that greater knowledge is required. The laws of health are very imperfectly understood even by the wisest of men and though great progress has been made in the art and science of sanitation the knowledge is not generally diffused and what is known is not always put into practice.

In such schools as Macdonald College or the University of Toronto women can obtain a knowledge of Household Science and as each graduate returns to her home or goes out into the world as a teacher she will spread abroad the knowledge she has gained. The result upon the comfort and health of Canadian homes cannot be great.

It will not, it is hoped, be many years before in our own province those who wish, can obtain a thorough knowledge of a science so important not only to their own sex but to the whole community.

WOMAN'S WORK

A general meeting of the Auxiliary Anti-Tuberculosis society was held in the Balmoral hotel on Wednesday, Dec. 3, the president, Mrs. Fagan in the chair. The chief business was the financial report made by Miss Pooley in connection with the recent fair, which, however, was not quite complete, some of the money not yet having been turned in. Since then the accounts have been finally settled, and the appended statement shows net receipts to the amount of \$2,065.90. The president read a short address thanking the members of the society for their hard work and complimenting them on their success, and a letter from Dr. Fagan to the same effect was read by the secretary. It was decided to hold another large fair in November, 1910.

A most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the society to the following, who helped so greatly to lighten the work in connection with the fair: Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mrs. Max Leiser, Mrs. F. S. Barnard and Mrs. Matthews for holding stalls; Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Cornwall, who provided that centre of attraction "The Gener-

Tonight the Rev. W. Leslie Clay will deliver the second of his lectures on "Glimpses of the Old World," under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church. It is understood that this lecture will tell of the visit to the Home Land, and the ladies hope that the subject will appeal especially to all who feel that though far away the old scenes are still dear to them and to those others to whom they have been made familiar by song and story.

Christmas will soon be here with all its pleasant excitement and delight but, it must not be forgotten that there are those to whom the return of the season brings sad memories. The men and women and little children who are compelled to spend the day in the wards of the hospital or in the private rooms are especially in need of sympathy and cheer.

The members of the Women's Auxiliary and the Daughters of Plenty have undertaken the task of doing what may be done to brighten the day for all, young and old, who must this Christmas make the Jubilee Hospital

their home. As they must include the marine and isolation hospitals in their kindly offices, the number of patients to be thought of is greater than usual at this season. All kind hearted people are asked to aid with gifts, either of money, flowers, toys or the Children's Christmas Tree, delicacies for the sick or whatever else can minister in any way to the pleasure of the patients and make them feel that they share in the love and joy and gladness of the Christmastide. A concert is being arranged and Mr. Arthur Longfield, to whose unflinching kindness all those who have spent Sundays and holidays in the hospital for many years have owed so much, has promised to be present with his bell-ringers. It is hoped that others will spare an hour to soothe and please those who are well enough to listen to the music. This appeal is made early so that when more pressing engagements come the needs of the sick may not be overlooked.

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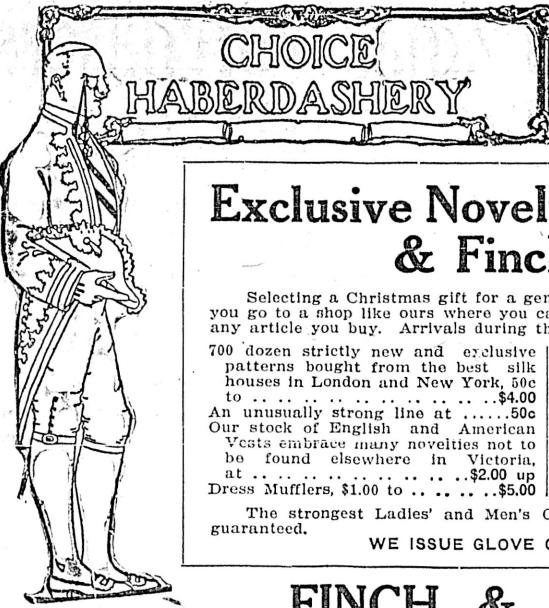
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James Bays to Clash With the Garrison—Standing of the League

series is drawing near its conclusion and that the Bays are closing up on the leaders—Victoria West—will lend them a peculiar attraction and no doubt, there will be a large attendance of enthusiastic fans.

That Cedar Hill will beat Victoria West is what several of the former's adherents were wanting to bet money yesterday. They did not have to go far to place their money. It is reported that the Hills will take the field with a much stronger aggregation than

FIRST DIVISION

The present standing of the local championship league is as follows:

	P. W. L. D. P.
Victoria West	8 6 0 2 14
James Bay	7 5 2 0 10
Esquimalt	7 4 2 1 9
Garrison	7 2 4 1 5
Cedar Hill	6 2 4 0 4
Regiment	7 0 6 0 0

has represented them, heretofore, this season.

Bays Must Win

To the Bays it is important that they should beat the Garrison. They must win every match in order to retain a chance for the premier honors and it goes without saying that they will have their fastest bunch on hand to ensure their success. The

soldiers, too, are desirous of turning the tables on the lads from the Bay and have been training with that idea in mind. The combat will be productive of excitement.

Remaining Matches

With the exception of the fixtures which were postponed owing to the necessity that Victoria should ill Pacific Coast league dates this week's games brings the schedule to a conclusion. The remaining matches follow: Bays vs. Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Cedar Hill; Esquimalt vs. Regiment; Garrison vs. Cedar Hill; Victoria West vs. Bays; Cedar Hill vs. Garrison; Esquimalt vs. Fifth Regiment.

Wheatcroft Gets Jockey Martin
Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Irving H. Wheatcroft, proprietor of the St. James stable of Victoria, B. C., has concluded negotiations with Jerome B. Respass of the "lightweight" jockey, E. Marion at Arcadia this season. Martin headed the jockey list at the recent Latonia meeting.

The contract is a conditional one and permits Respass to recall the lad at any time. Mr. Wheatcroft has purchased Director from Respass and will ride him in the big races. The new boy, Low Marion will train for the Canadian turfman at Santa Anita. Director, with Miss Sain, Elizabeth Harwood, Alma Duffer, French Cook and Woolwinder, other recent acquisitions by Wheatcroft, left Lexington Monday for Los Angeles. Mr. Wheatcroft has made sixty-four nominations to the Santa Anita stakes, and his stable will be represented by Marion in Southern California racing. Alma Dufour is now seven years old, and her record to date is 41 firsts, 34 seconds and 26 thirds out of 130 starts.

LADYSMITH NOW IN THE SECOND PLACE

Victory Over Seattle Soccer Eleven on Sunday Materially Advances Team

As a result of the Pacific Coast League soccer match played between Seattle and Ladysmith on Sunday, the latter have advanced to second place in the relative standing of the teams. They won out by 3 goals to 2 after what is described as being a hard and fast contest. The miners thought that they would have a clinch but a rude surprise awaited them. During the opening period the visitors put up a whirlwind pace and at the blow of the whistle the score stood 2 to 1 in their favor. In the last period Ladysmith was more careful and, by dint of hard work, managed to alter the complexion of the match. But the margin was one only in their favor and the result, from the outset, was most uncertain.

The present standing of the clubs follows:

PACIFIC COAST STANDING.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Vancouver	6	4	2	0	8
Ladysmith	7	3	3	1	7
Nanaimo	5	3	2	0	6
Seattle	7	2	4	1	5
Victoria	6	2	3	1	5

More local soccer matches take place on Saturday. The followers of the game have been looking forward to a continuance of the home series. Doubtless there will be crowds out to see the matches.

FINE BASKETBALL GAMES THIS EVENING

The Intermediate and Junior League Matches Scheduled for Today

ANOTHER SERIES OF INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR LEAGUE BASKETBALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED THIS EVENING.

Another series of intermediate and junior league basketball matches will be played this evening. There are five scheduled, namely, two intermediate and three junior. The former are: North Ward vs. V. W. A. A. at the former's hall; Y. M. C. A. vs. Esquimalt, at the Y. M. C. A. quarters, Broad street. The Juniors will line up as follows: Esquimalt vs. Victoria West, at Esquimalt; Shamrocks vs. Y. M. C. A. at Institute Hall; North Ward vs. High School at the latter's hall. Which of the foregoing contests will be most attractive from the standpoint of the spectator is difficult to say. Up to date the competing clubs have only met once, on that occasion, several of the games were won with but one point to the good. Under such circumstances it is not unreasonable to believe that when they meet tonight, the outcome will be some battles lacking in nothing which tends to rouse excitement and enthusiasm.

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In the junior match between the Y. M. C. A. and Shamrock teams the clubs will be represented as follows:

Y. M. C. A.: Guards, Baker and McKeown; centre, Betterton; forwards, Fairfall and Campbell.

Shamrocks: Guards, McDonald and O'Leary; centre, Keapnock; forwards, Silven and McDonald.

EDMONTON HOCKEY TEAM OFF FOR EAST

Westerners Leave for Montreal Today in Quest of Stanley Cup

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—The Edmonton hockey team, challengers for the Stanley cup, will leave for Montreal tomorrow. The team was complete today by the arrival of Tom Phillips from Vancouver, Phillips having joined the team at Wimbley but the management insisted that he come here first. Steve Vair, the centre forward man who was brought up from Renfrew by Whiteman, has been let out by the executive, and it is understood that he has returned home.

If there ever was any doubt in the minds of the local hockey fans that Edmonton has the men for Stanley cup, this will have settled the疑. Two thousand people paid hard cash and witnessed in place of advertised hockey the pitiful annihilation of Strathcona's choice seven by the Edmonton Stanley cup team. After twenty goals were scored by the champions, the tally man got tired and quit. Strathcona failed to register seven, Edmonton scored the game and Hall replaced him on the team at centre forward. Eight of the goals were secured by Hall, five by Miller, four by Whiteman, two by Mac-

ARNST THE CHAMPION

Wanganui, N.Z., Dec. 15.—The sculling championship of the world between William Webb and Richard Arnst, the challenger, was rowed today over 314 miles on the Wanganui river. Webb, at 19 minutes 52 seconds, after leading throughout the course,

Namara, and one by Ross, who made a brilliant rush from point.

Victorians who wish to see Victoria successful in Saturday's rugby match with Vancouver should try to arrange to accompany the Islanders to the mainland. There is nothing like the presence of a sympathetic bunch, with lusty voices, to lend encouragement.

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The crowded streets, the brilliantly decorated stores, the glowing Xmas Tree, the interchange of gifts and greetings and the services in the churches are the chief features of Christmas observance. One might aver that the giving of presents is really the chief feature, for this has become a source of great delight to kind-hearted people who love this great festival because it gives them an opportunity to contribute to the happiness of others—the true joy of giving. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "This one touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin"—makes one almost clairvoyant in knowing the desire of another. Almost instinctively this season we turn our attention to the serviceable offering.

A Gift Worthy of Acceptance



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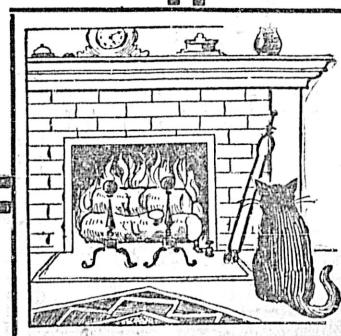
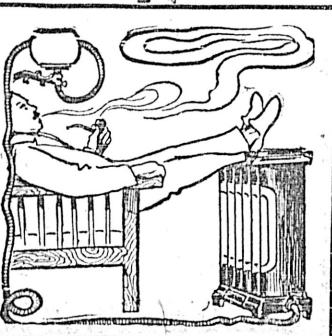
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A Gas Radiator, or a Gas Grate, either of which are delightfully cheery and a charming addition to any residence, will prove one of the most thoughtful and acceptable presents for either lady or man who "batches," even if only one room forms "home." A furnace may be baulky, or out altogether, steam heat may become obstreperous, wood or coal fire entail labor in relighting, but a Gas Heater is always ready with the turn of the tap and scratch of a match. It is a most economical apparatus, the expense stops the minute the gas is turned off. It can be brought into service in a second without work, so different from fire-building. It will not only give the required warmth, but will at once dispense a genial air of hospitality. As a little heat is required almost every day of the year in British Columbia, a Gas Radiator, or a Gas Grate will form a most appropriate Christmas offering.

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On the Waterfront

MAKURA IS A FLOATING PALACE

New Canadian-Australian Liner
Finest Appointed of Steamers on Pacific

LINE MANAGED BY WOMAN

Mrs. R. A. Alley Returns From
Antipodes on Business of
Canadian-New Zealand
Line

The new steamer Makura, Captain J. Gibb, of the Canadian-Australian line, the first-appointed passenger steamer on the Pacific, recently arrived yesterday from Sydney via Suva and Honolulu with 25 saloon, 50 second and 36 third class passengers, 115 in all, and a fair cargo. Included among the passengers was Mrs. R. A. Alley, the woman steamship manager who since her husband's death has managed the affairs of the Canadian-New Zealand line, in which the Royden steamer Indravelli and Barrie and Sons' Den of Ruthven have been engaged. She has been visiting New Zealand in connection with the renewal of the subsidy which expires next summer. Mrs. Alley said that although nothing had been definitely decided upon during her visit she expected the New Zealand government would renew the subsidy in which event the service would probably be improved, cold storage chambers being put in the steamers now in use and another vessel might be placed in service. S. Turner, a noted mountain-climber returned from an ascent of Mount Cook, New Zealand, the climbing of which he had added to his feats on Asian mountains concerning which he has written a book. B. T. Rogers, of the B. C. Sugar Refinery, returned from Suva after arranging for several shipments of raw sugar. Alex Hume Ford, who is engaged in promoting tourist travel to Hawaii and the Antipodes arrived from Honolulu. Mrs. Brew, wife of Capt. Brew, of the sailing ship Hallowood, lying at Esquimalt, arrived to join her husband. The Misses Dunstan, daughters of a Seattle clergyman, arrived from Sydney. Other saloon passengers were A. Whaybord, and wife, T. Thorsen and wife, Sewall W. Page, G. B. Tilton, D. Churchill, R. Moore, E. Osborne and wife, A. Hilton and wife, Mrs. Cliff and daughter, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor, Misses Hay, Grahame and Coomb.

The cargo included 5,462 bags of raw sugar from Suva, 3,127 carcasses of frozen mutton and lamb, 66 cases of kidneys, 1,259 boxes of butter, 120 bags of coffee, 205 cases of jams, 105 cases of preserved meats, 204 bales of wool, 333 bales and 30 sacks of skins, 114 sacks of hides, 200 bituminous solution, 33,953 pieces of timber, hops, kauri gum, coconut oil, etc. The cargo landed here included 75 bags of coffee, 32 crates of pines, 15 barrels of coconut oil and 90 cases of meat. The steamer had moderate and strong head winds, strong gales and high seas being encountered when nearing the Straits.

The Makura is a veritable floating palace and was greatly admired by all who saw her as she lay at the outer wharf. She carried a number of passengers to Melbourne via Durban from Liverpool after leaving the builders' yards at Glasgow. The Makura is a twin screw liner of 8,350 tons with a speed of 18 knots.

At a luncheon held on board at Sydney, one of the speakers at which was Dr. Coulter, deputy-Canadian Postmaster-General, F. W. Jackson, the Sydney manager of the Canadian-Australian line said the position of the line was not the most satisfactory. The service had been maintained in rather an intermittent way. The Gov-

COMMON SENSE AND A TABLET

Do Away With Dyspepsia, Stomach Trouble and Make Meals a Pleasure.

When your stomach goes on a strike and mass meetings of indignation are held all over your body, then it is that you should sit up and take notice.

It is clearly and only a question of common sense—is this thing called Dyspepsia. Take away, by abuse, overeating, excesses and high living, the things which the stomach needs and you have dyspepsia and indigestion; then other maladies follow these—this is common sense.

The stomach is willing enough but you won't let it do its work. You take away the materials which are so necessary for it to use.

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are common sense pressed by high power into tablets. In these tablets are powerful essences which go into the stomach, digest food, stop gas making, prevent decaying of food, enrich the gastric juices, are absorbed by the blood and thus give it strength to furnish better fluid for digesting the next meal.

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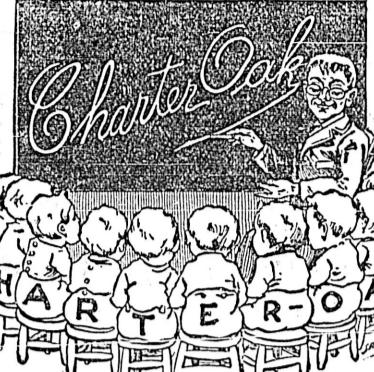
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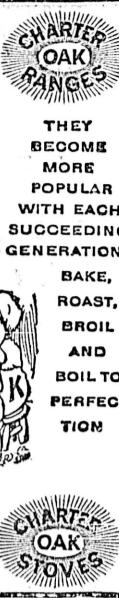


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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Capt. Thomas left this morning via the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper, of Kamloops, are staying at the Empress.

L. B. McLevy, of Thorold, Ont., is registered at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Staats of New York are enjoying a trip in this city.

Mrs. Palmer, of Menzies street, gave a delightful evening party last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyter of Seattle are spending a few days in town.

J. J. Campbell, of Nelson, is visiting Victoria on business. He is staying at the Empress.

W. R. Dockrill, of Chemainus, is in town. He is registered at the Empress.

M. E. Payne, of Vancouver, is in the city on business, a guest at the King Edward.

Mrs. Barrow, of Sidney, returned home by yesterday afternoon's V. & S. train after a brief visit to Victoria.

Miss Ezeley was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. yesterday afternoon.

Charles Harvey, of Montreal, is at the King Edward. He is visiting the coast on business.

A. H. Porter, of Nanaimo, arrived in the city yesterday on the noon train. He is a guest at the King Edward.

Mrs. Burton of St. Charles street has issued invitations for a dance on Friday evening the 18th inst.

Mr. A. M. Kohlberg from San Francisco is spending a little time in Victoria and is a guest at the Empress.

Mr. Albert M. Kohlberg came up from San Francisco yesterday and is registered at the Empress.

George H. Robertson left yesterday by the Northern Pacific on a business trip to Kaslo, B.C.

C. E. Barnes leaves today via the Northern Pacific on his return to New York.

C. Spencer left this morning on the Princess Victoria on a business trip to Vancouver.

M. Carsley left this morning via the C.P.R. for Winnipeg after a short visit here.

Mr. John H. Griffith and family, of St. Vincent, is staying at the Dominion.

B. T. Robertson, of Dawson, is registered at the Balmoral.

John Helm, of Utica, N. Y., and E. A. Jacobson, of Calgary, are staying at the Driard.

Dr. C. Noguero arrived in town from Jeddway, B.C., last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers D. Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, Maine, are registered at the Dominion.

Capt. P. Gynghall came down from Shawinigan Lake yesterday, and is staying at the Balmoral.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevison and family left yesterday via the Northern Pacific for Toronto where they will visit with relatives.

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver were M. Gillis, E. H. Lemby, T. Williams, T. Collinge, J. S. Dennis, Miss Laflan.

Mr. M. A. Wyld, of The Times circulation department left on Saturday last for southern California for the best of his health.

Mr. J. Knox, of the Duncan Lumber Co., came down from Duncans yesterday and is putting up at the Empress, returning home this morning.

R. A. Jacobson, of Calgary, is in the city. He intends making an extended sojourn here and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. J. Black and family, of Ladysmith, came down on yesterday's noon train. She intends spending several days here.

Hon. F. C. Carter Cotton, of Vancouver, president of the council, is in town attending a meeting of the executive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Palmer have come into town from Chemainus for a few days. They are staying at the Empress.

J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. land commissioner, with headquarters at Calgary, is spending a few days in the city. Mrs. Dennis accompanies her husband.

Miss Baptiste left on Tuesday morning for Vancouver en route for Toronto where she has gone to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Christian, who have been spending some time in Victoria, left yesterday on the Princess Victoria en route for their home in New Westminster.

Mrs. W. de Witte and Miss de Witte of Yokohama, Japan, who have arrived in Victoria, where they intend spending the winter, have taken up their residence at the Dominion hotel.

A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who has been attending a convention at North Yakima, as the representative of the Victoria association, is expected back today.

George Grace leaves today on an extended trip to the Old Country. He will travel via the Northern Pacific to New York whence he will sail on the Cunarder Campania for Liverpool.

A. Steven, H. Baecher left this morning via the C.P.R. and the Empress of Britain on an extended trip to the Old Country, the former for England and the latter for Copenhagen.

H. G. Findlay, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, will leave for Calgary to spend the Christmas holidays with friends on Sunday. He expects to be away upwards of a fortnight.

Mr. Templeman withdraws Mr. Smith will succeed him.

Mr. Hinton and Mrs. Catherine Hinton, of London, England, who will shortly sing at a concert in this city, arrived in town yesterday, and are staying at the Empress. They are accompanied by Miss C. de C. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. E. DeHart came down yesterday from the flourishing town of Kelowna, the distributing centre of an important fruit growing district upon Okanagan lake, and are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Dumferment from Hampshire, England, spent the week-end in Victoria and left yesterday morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver en route for Ottawa where they will spend Christmas with friends before returning to their homes in the Old Country.

Mr. Humble, the manager of the Empress Hotel, is leaving for a visit to the city of Montreal which looks upon as almost being his home and where he will assuredly pass a very delightful week, accentuated, as it will be, by the fact that this week includes the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Tuesday Bridge Club met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. McBride, on the Gorge Road. The drawing-room was charmingly decorated with holly, ivy and chrysanthemums, and the tea-tables, which were beautifully decorated were presided over by Mrs. Young and Miss Mary Lawson. The usual members of the Bridge Club played and Mrs. Ker was the fortunate winner of the prize; a very handsome cut glass bowl.

Mrs. Shallerross was hostess at a charming "At Home" at her pretty new residence on Foul Bay Road on Tuesday afternoon. A delightful musical programme had been arranged for the ladies who took part being, Mrs. McLaren, who rendered three or four delightful songs, Miss Helen Peters, who also sang delightfully, accompanied by Miss Cordelia Gryles, and the Misses Shallerross, one of whom gave some charming vocal numbers the other rendering some beautiful pianoforte solos. The decorations of the hall and tea-room were beautifully carried out with chrysanthemums and foliage. Among the guests were: Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Dupont, Miss Dupont, Miss Nellie Dupont, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Fred Pemberton, Mrs. Roper (from Cherry Creek), Mrs. Fitzgibbon and Miss Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Kinkbridge, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Howitt, Mrs. MacLure, Mrs. Laundry, Mrs. W. Higgins, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Gresley, Mrs. Allister Robertson, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Miss Newcomb, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Hanington, Miss McDonald, Miss Jocephine Crease, Miss Cordelia Gryles, Miss Helen Peters, The Misses Shallerross and many others.

B. C. Members at Ottawa
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Ralph Smith, M.P., elect for Nanaimo, arrived in the city on Saturday, and last night had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Smith's visit at this juncture naturally suggests business of cabinet importance, though he has nothing to say on the subject. Mr. Smith was joined yesterday by Messrs. Templeman and Sloan, and the three held a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to Pacific coast representation in the cabinet. It is understood that if Mr. Templeman withdraws Mr. Smith will succeed him.

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GINGER—Crystallized, C. & B., ½ lb. tin **25¢**

One pound tin **40¢**

GINGER—Preserved in Syrup, qt. jar, **50¢**

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ORANGES—Large Navel, per doz., **25¢**

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to **25¢**

CANDIES—Nice Fresh Cream, 2 lbs., **25¢**

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS—Each, 50¢

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PLUM PUDDINGS—Cross & Blackwell's, per tin, 65¢ and, **35¢**

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HONEY in the Comb, per section **25¢**

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Blue Label, 3 lb. tin, **\$1.00**

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½ lb. tin, **50¢**

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COCOA—Baker's, ½ lb. tin, **30¢**

COFFEE—Chase & Sanborn's, 1 lb. tin, for **40¢**

JELLO—3 pkts. for **25¢**

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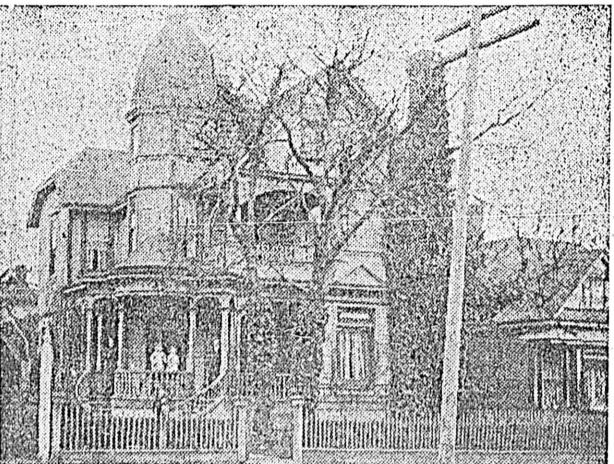
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AMUSEMENTS

"The Land of Nod"

An amusement of much interest is announced for next Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Victoria theatre, when the big musical comedy production "The Land of Nod" will be seen. It is doubtful if any stage production has ever achieved so great a success as has been enjoyed by this popular work. For two years it has toured the principal cities of the west and south, and it has drawn audiences which have been limited in size only by the capacity of the theatres in which it has been presented. "The Land of Nod" is brilliantly witty as to dialogue, its music is that of the jingling, "catchy" sort, its situations are original and extremely laughable, and its character creations are all decidedly novel. The principal is "The Man in the Moon," who comes to earth and混es with all sorts of characters until he is attracted with others, to "The Land of Nod," where people who are only known in tales which are told of fairytale and in Arabian Nights conceptions are encountered. Among these are "The Sandman," "King and Queen of Hearts," "The Weatherman," "The Welsh Rabbit," "April Fool," "The Telephone Man," and others.

"Babes in Toyland"

The attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday, Dec. 21 will be the gorgeous musical extravaganza "Babes in Toyland," with music by Victor Herbert and book by Glen MacDonough.

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"A wild mannered little old gentleman, in a suit of neatly brushed black, whose collar and the proclaimed him to be from one of the inland towns, was standing near me, apparently a bit overwhelmed by the unaccustomed noise and hurry of the big place.

"To him hurried a deferential runner from Toronto's largest hotel. With hand outstretched toward the stranger's bag and umbrella the lackey said: 'King Edward, sir?'

"'Oh, no sir,' said the mild mannered little old gentleman, apparently greatly astonished, 'Just John Campbell of Durham, sir!'

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After two years of eager expectancy the local lovers of good drama are at last to see what the leading dramatic critics of America have so widely heralded as "the long awaited great American play." Contracts have been signed, sealed, and delivered, whereby the management of the Victoria theatre may definitely announce "The Great Divide," on Friday, December 25 and Saturday, December 26. The attraction is under the personal direction of Henry Miller, the distinguished actor-manager, who has been presenting William Vaughn Moody's phenomenally successful drama of American life for over 500 nights at the Princess and Daly's theatres, New York, to such unprecedented business that a road tour was out of the question heretofore. A superb company are now touring, and the entire production, with complete scene equipment, will be given here precisely as presented for two seasons in the metropolis.

Hartmann Concert.

Katharine Goodson, the famous English pianist, who is to be heard here with Hartmann on December 29, under the Victoria Musical Society's direction, has within a few seasons taken rank among the world's greatest artists. She has appeared with the most prominent orchestral organizations of this country and Europe, and has called forth the most enthusiastic praise wherever she has been heard. In New York, where she has played last year with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, her appearance was considered one of the conspicuous features of a specially brilliant season, while her metropolitan recital, which followed, established her still more firmly in public favor. The announcement of her local appearance has aroused far more than ordinary interest and a crowded house is anticipated.

Pantages Theatre.

They who go to see "Salome" at Pantages thinking to behold a production of anything pertaining to the vulgar or suggestive will meet with a disappointment. While the dance is done in the semi-nude there is not a semblance of suggestiveness and the one aim is to correctly portray an innocent, graceful, though impetuous maiden, and the petted stepdaughter of the King of Judea. A regular stage dancer would be too stagy and a woman of mature years utterly incapable of producing the desired effect, but in La Loie Helene is combined youth, beauty and surpassing dramatic grace and that is what makes "A Vision of Salome" an artistic masterpiece. The Seven Hawaiians with their native songs and instrumental music, the marvelous playing of Francisco Mauro, the Venetian violinist; the great acrobatic work of McCune and Grant, combined with their pleasing comedy and the regular house features go to make up a programme difficult to even equal.

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**DECISION GIVEN IN
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Judge Lampman Holds That Terms of Conveyance Are Final Between Parties

Judge Lampman gave judgment yesterday for the defendant in the case of Parshall vs. the National Finance Co., Ltd., in which the plaintiff was suing for alleged arrears of interest. It appears that there was an agreement on the part of the defendant company to buy certain land which contained certain stipulations as to interest. Not long after the deal was consummated by the execution of a conveyance and a mortgage which did not contain the interest conditions. For the defendant Lindley Crease contended that the conveyance and mortgage operated as a merger. The text of the decision follows:

The plaintiff's claim is for \$561, bearing the interest on \$31,300, at 6 per cent. from 27th June to 14th October, 1907.

In June, 1907, Messrs. Bond & Clark, acting for the plaintiff, entered into an agreement for the sale of forty-two lots owned by plaintiff to the defendant company, represented by Mr. H. J. Knott, and the agreement was evidenced by two documents as follows:

Interim Receipt

Victoria, B. C., June 27, 1907.

Received from National Finance Co. the sum of one hundred dollars, being deposit on account of purchase of 42 lots bounded by Quadra, Blanchard, Queen's and Pembroke streets, for the sum of \$32,000 on the following terms: \$12,000 thirty days; \$10,000 one year; \$10,000 two years. The deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum until paid.

Time is the essence of this agreement, and unless payments with interest are punctually made at the time or times appointed, this sale shall be (at the option of the vendor) absolutely cancelled or rescinded, and all moneys paid on account thereof forfeited to the vendor, as and for liquidated and ascertained damages. Cost of conveyance to be paid by the purchaser. This receipt is given by the undersigned as agents, and subject to owner's confirmation.

Per BOND & CLARK,
Agents for Miss Parshall

The other document designated at the top as "Duplicate Interim Receipt" followed the wording of the interim receipt except as to the last sentence which was as follows:

"This receipt is given subject to owner's confirmation," and there was this memorandum at the foot:

"I hereby accept the above terms and conditions."

NATIONAL FINANCE CO. Ltd.

H. J. Knott, Manager

Subsequently, the defendants took the ground that they were not legally bound to go on with the purchase, and on 10th September the plaintiff, Mr. Bond, Mr. Knott and Mr. Reid held a meeting in Victoria, and talked the matter over. Mr. Knott objected to paying interest from June on the unpaid purchase money, and plaintiff maintained she was entitled to it. No agreement was reached at the meet-

ing, but next day Messrs. Bond & Clark wrote the following letter to Mr. Knott:

Victoria, B.C., Sept. 11, 1907.
H. J. Knott, Esq., Manager National Finance Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,—Following up the conversation Miss Parshall and the writer had with you yesterday,

We are willing to make the following alterations (without prejudice) in the agreement entered into by you on the 27th of June last, for the purchase of the forty-two (42) lots, blocks one (1) and eight (8), Princess avenue, to be paid by Miss Parshall.

Purchase price of property is \$32,000, to be paid as follows: Cash, \$1,000; Nov. 1, \$4,000; Feb. 1, 1908, \$7,000 and interest; Feb. 1, 1909, \$10,000; Feb. 1, 1910, \$10,000. Six per cent. interest to be paid up to February, 1908; 7 per cent. to be paid after this date. Interest to be paid half yearly. Notes to be given for \$4,000 and \$7,000.

Your early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) BOND & CLARK.

The directors of the company, thinking they had got rid of the claim for interest, decided to complete the purchase, and on 14th September the company wrote Messrs. Bond & Clark as follows:

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 14, 1907.

Messrs. Bond & Clark, Victoria, B.C.
Gentlemen.—In reply to your favor of the 11th inst., re purchase of 42 lots, blocks 1 and 8, Princess avenue, owned by Miss Parshall, I might state that at our directors meeting held here last night, we were authorized to purchase said lots on the terms mentioned in your communication of the 11th inst. I have written our Mr. Reid in Victoria asking him to arrange for the drawing up of the agreement for sale in connection therewith and he will likely call on you in the near future.

Trusting everything will be arranged satisfactorily to all parties concerned, we remain,

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL FINANCE CO. Ltd.

H. J. Knott, Manager

No agreement for sale was drawn up, but on 14th October, 1907, the plaintiff conveyed the property to the company, and took a mortgage for \$31,000 payable as set out in the letter of 11th September.

On the same date,—14th October—the plaintiff entered into an agreement with the company whereby she covenanted to procure a certificate of indefeasible title to be issued to the company, in this agreement the mortgage was thus referred to: "A certain indenture of mortgage of even date herewith from said company to the said first party to secure the balance of the said purchase price and any other charges or encumbrances on the said lands created by the said company or its assigns."

Mr. Crease contends that the deed and mortgage operate as a merger. Mr. Luxton, for the plaintiff, contends that the letter of 11th September only alleged in some respects the original agreement, and the plaintiff did not forego her right to interest. I cannot agree with him. I do not think I should be astute to so construe the letter. It seems to me the letter offers an entirely new bargain; it includes description of lots, amount of purchase price, cash payment (and as to this it must have been speaking as from 11th September) and terms of payment. The only omission is any reference to the \$100 already paid, and which was subsequently credited

to defendants. But any doubt I might have as to the effect of the documents of 27th June and the letter of 11th September is removed by the acts of the parties on 14th October, when the deed and mortgage and agreement were executed and delivered.

Mr. Luxton points out that the completion of a contract for the sale of land by conveyance and payment of the purchase price does not necessarily operate as a discharge of every liability arising under the parties' agreement, and instances the cases of a promise to compensate for errors of description and a promise to fence as being enforceable after conveyance. But when vendor and purchaser come to the stage of conveyance and mortgage the one thing that they do settle is the amount of money which is to pass; they may leave other things out, but the money is the all-important item.

A promise to fence is a stipulation collateral to the purchaser's main duty to pay the purchase money, and if the agreement contains a promise to fence and the conveyance is silent as to fencing, I see no good reason why the purchaser should expect to get out of keeping his promise. But if the conveyance contained a stipulation as to fencing which was different from that in the agreement, I should think he would be bound by the one in the conveyance only.

Applying this reasoning to this case, I think the purchaser's agreement contained in the mortgage to pay principal and interest is the only one that he is now bound by.

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to defendants. But any doubt I might have as to the effect of the documents of 27th June and the letter of 11th September is removed by the acts of the parties on 14th October, when the deed and mortgage and agreement were executed and delivered.

Mr. Luxton points out that the completion of a contract for the sale of land by conveyance and payment of the purchase price does not necessarily operate as a discharge of every liability arising under the parties' agreement, and instances the cases of a promise to compensate for errors of description and a promise to fence as being enforceable after conveyance. But when vendor and purchaser come to the stage of conveyance and mortgage the one thing that they do settle is the amount of money which is to pass; they may leave other things out, but the money is the all-important item.

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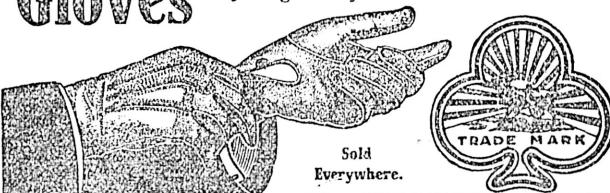
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CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of Local Improvement, viz.: to construct

1. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Skinner street from the Indian Reserve to Russell street, and to grade and make safe said street.

2. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Bolton Avenue, from Craigflower Road to Domonion Road.

3. Permanent sidewalk from Blanchard Avenue to Quadra street.

4. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Flugard street (formerly Frederick street) from Quadra street to Cook street.

5. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Rockland avenue (formerly Belcher street) from Vancouver street to Cook street.

6. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Flugard Road from Vancouver street to Cook street.

7. Boulevards on both sides of Trutch street from Richmond street to Fairfield Road, with curbs and gutters (including maintenance).

8. The grading, macadamizing and draining of Oliphant avenue from Vancouver street to Cook street, and the construction of permanent sidewalks on both sides thereof (including maintenance).

9. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Battery street, from Government street to Beacon Hill Park.

10. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Simcoe street from Montreal street to Dallas Road.

AND THAT each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessors are hereby directed to carry out in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-Law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessors aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

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Today	
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TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, dainty shapes and decorations. Special	25c
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BERRY BOWLS, 9 inch size, assorted decorations, special	25c
FANCY PLATES, lattice border, rose decoration. special	25c
MILK JUGS, fancy shapes and decorations, special	25c
FANCY VASES, Dutch designs, special	25c
BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, large assortment, special	25c
TEA PLATES, plain and scalloped edge, light and heavy decorations, special	25c
CREAM JUGS, swan pattern, gold lines, special	25c
FLAT SPOONERS, rose decorations, special	25c
CHILDRENS FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, various decorations, special	25c
SHAVING MUGS, swan decorations, special	25c

Women's Colored Slippers on Sale Today

Regular \$2.00, Today 95c

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, a very dainty kind for Christmas wear, made of fine quality denim, a pump shoe with covered heels, hand turned soles, colors Copenhagen and Alice blue, pink and white. At the price quoted these slippers are away below cost. Regular price \$2.00. Today's price 95c

China Specials at 50c Today

CHEESE DISHES, white fluted, Dorothy pattern, special at	50c
CHEESE DISHES, in cream and gold, special at	50c
MILK JUGS, various choice designs, with gilt tracings, special at	50c
PLATES, Limoges china, holly decoration, beaded gold edge, special at	50c
SAUCE BOATS, Limoges China, special at	50c
SOAP DISHES, Limoges China, special at	50c
DESSERT PLATES, rose decorations, choice gold border, special at	50c
SUGAR BASINS, special at	50c
PORRIDGE BOWLS AND CREAM JUGS, each	50c
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GLASS DECANTERS, for oil and vinegar, with stoppers, special at	50c

Boy's \$1.75 Sweaters, Today 95c

Buy the boy one of these nice sweaters for Xmas. He is sure to appreciate it. They are made of fine worsteds in plain and fancy designs, the fancy ones being colored stripes on plain grounds. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. Today 95c



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7.30 Specials Tonight

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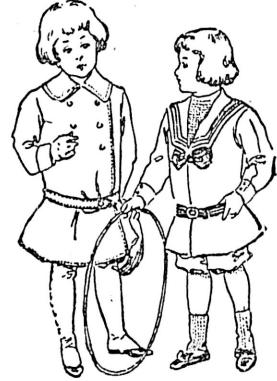
Solid Leather Suit Cases on Sale Tonight

Regular \$6.00 to \$35.00, Tonight \$4.90 to \$21.75

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7.30 Sale of Boy's Fancy Suits

\$4.75 Suits, Tonight for \$2.75



An offering of a quantity of Fancy Suits for boys. These suits are of the sailor and buster styles, made of light, medium and dark fancy tweeds and worsteds, also plain serge, in navy. They are prettily made, with embroidered collars and silk ties, and finished with belts. Very attractive little garments for boys ranging from three to nine years. Regular price \$4.75. 7.30 p.m. tonight \$2.75

More Christmas Furniture Specials

7.30 Sale of Novelty Chairs

Tonight we continue our special Christmas sale of furniture with some exceptional values on a new lot of Parlor Rockers. We mention herewith a few of the values from our long list of newly arrived stock.

COBBLER SEAT ROCKERS, worth \$3.50. 7.30 tonight	\$2.50
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ROLL FRONT SEAT ROCKERS, reg. \$6.75. 7.30 p.m. tonight	\$5.75
SADDLE SEAT ROCKERS, regular \$8.00. 7.30 tonight	\$6.75

SADDLE SEAT ROCKERS, regular \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$7.50
ROLL FRONT ROCKERS, mahogany, regular \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$8.00
ROLL FRONT ROCKERS, golden oak, \$9.00. 7.30 tonight	\$8.00

7.30 Sale of Handsome Piano Drapes

Regular \$2.50 to \$4.50, For \$1.50

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Kid Gloves Worth to \$1.25 for 85c

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THE KALITA SAFETY RAZOR, \$1.00
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